

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

The present preliminary amendment amends the specification to include a Statement Regarding Federally Sponsored Research. No new matter has been added.

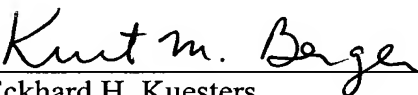
The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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